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4<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Mr R Searle  
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Dear Mr Searle

**Disposal of Waste Organic Matter**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 26<sup>th</sup> March 2006, to Mr Floyd Browne of this Division, concerning the disposal of waste organic matter left over from the processing of shellfish and concerning the operating practices at slipways in Tasmania.

As you would be aware from previous conversations with Lynne Powell, the Environment Division is in the process of developing guidelines for the management of slipways. These guidelines have not been finalised because the Division is currently trying to resolve the solid waste management issue associated with the slipways. Once this issue has been resolved the guidelines will be finalised which I am expecting to occur in the second half of 2006.

Slipways have not been given any specific dispensation under legislation for their current activities. I have in the past agreed to allow slipway operators three years to implement the guidelines outside of a regulatory framework. In saying this, the Division is currently looking at regulatory options to help improve operating practices at Tasmanian slipways.

Notwithstanding the above information on slipway management, the advice that you have previously received concerning the disposal of waste organic matter left over from the processing of shellfish has not changed.

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With respect to your complaint about the Tamar Yacht Club and the nearby commercial slipway, Launceston City Council has agreed to investigate the issue.

I trust that this clarifies the matter for you.

Yours sincerely

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OF THE INVESTIGATION.

Warren Jones

DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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